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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following as a preliminary amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following:

17. (Added) A method of selling Ribavirin to a physician for administering to a patient in a dosage range in order to induce an increase in Th1 activity in the patient thereby effecting a favorable immunological response.
18. (Added) The method of claim 17 further comprising provision of an interferon to be administered in combination with the Ribavirin.

**REMARKS**

The claim format of the above-added claims is supported by the specification (see e.g., *In Re Krodel et al.* 42 C.C.P.A. 993; 223 F.2d 285).